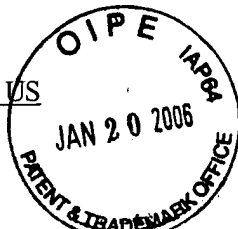


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IN RE APPLICATION OF: YAMAZAKI *et al.*

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Petition for 2-Month Extension of Time

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Sir:

Applicant petitions for a 2-Month Extension of Time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated September 19, 2005, extending the period for response to February 19, 2006.

- ☒ Fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)): ☒ Small Entity: \$225.00
- ☒ Enclosed is a check including the amount due.
- ☒ Applicant petitions for an additional Extension of Time if necessary for timely filing of this petition and enclosures.
- ☒ Please charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment for timely consideration of this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-2207.

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